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PROTEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.291 – 20 pgs.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – 6 pgs.;

FORM PTO/SB/08 - 2 pgs. (in duplicate);

ELEVEN (11) REFERENCES;

PROOF OF SERVICE to Jean Burke Fordis, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P, Suite 700, 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315 – 2 pgs; and

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